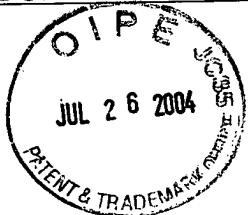


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Remaining After Amendment</u>	<u>Highest Previously Paid For</u>	<u>Present Extra</u>	<u>SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE</u>
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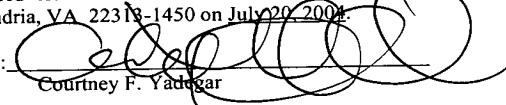
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.